

*“What is more alive among works of art than our plain old wooden church, with the ancient New England spire . . . I walk past it at night and stand and listen to the beats of the clock like heart-beats . . . not sounding so much like tickings, as like a step. It is the step of time.”*

*—Ralph Waldo Emerson,  
Journal, 1840*

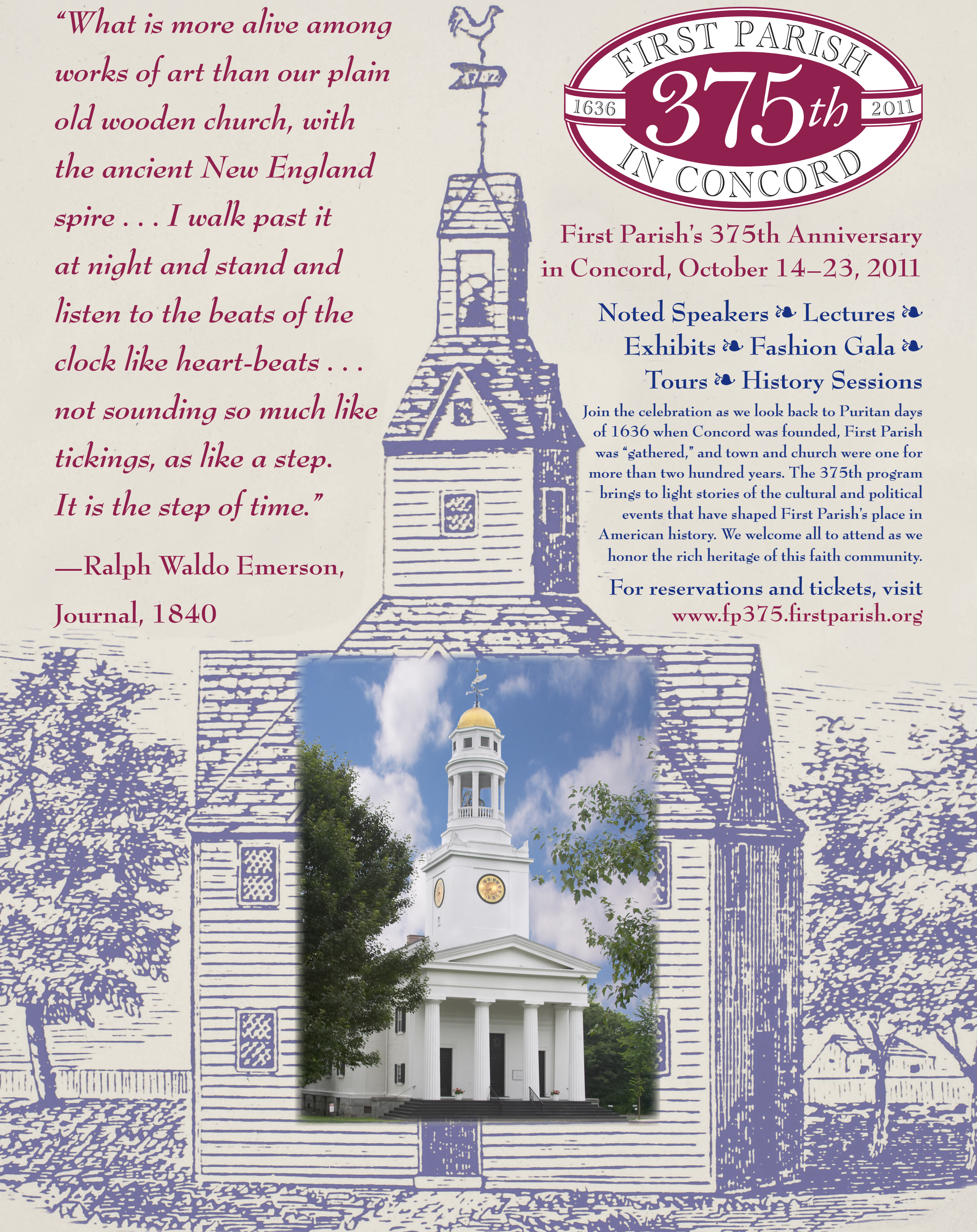


**First Parish's 375th Anniversary  
in Concord, October 14–23, 2011**

**Noted Speakers • Lectures •  
Exhibits • Fashion Gala •  
Tours • History Sessions**

Join the celebration as we look back to Puritan days of 1636 when Concord was founded, First Parish was “gathered,” and town and church were one for more than two hundred years. The 375th program brings to light stories of the cultural and political events that have shaped First Parish's place in American history. We welcome all to attend as we honor the rich heritage of this faith community.

For reservations and tickets, visit  
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**Co-Sponsors of Events Include**

Concord Free Public Library      The Old Manse  
Concord Museum                      The Thoreau Society  
The Drinking Gourd Project      Trinitarian Congregational Church  
Emerson House                        Transcendentalism Council of First Parish  
Women's Parish Association of First Parish

Background, illustration of the First Meeting-House in West Springfield, MA, as published in *Some Old Time Meeting Houses of the Connecticut Valley* by Charles Albert Wright, 1911, courtesy of Historic New England. Foreground photo by Pierre Chiha.

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